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SUMMARY. VISIT FOLLOWED AGENDA AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED REF C.  
VISITORS DECLARED THEMSELVES SATISFIED WITH THE INFORMATION  
MISSION WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE IN THE LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE. ALMOST  
ALL OF DIRECT QUESTIONING FORCUSED ON INFRASTRUCTURE  
SPECIAL AMMUNITION STORAGE (SAS) PROGRAM AND AIRCRAFT SURVIVAL  
MEASURES (ASM). END SUMMARY.

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1. BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSION ON MBFR NEGOTIATIONS AND NATO FORCE  
PLANNING RAISED NO SPECIAL ISSUES. THE VISITORS HAD GAINED THE  
IMPRESSION THAT THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS WERE BOGGING DOWN AND  
ASKED QUESTIONS ON THIS POINT. THEY WERE ADVISED THAT THERE

WAS A TEMPORARY LULL BUT THAT THE OTHER SIDE DID APPEAR SERIOUS ABOUT MBFR. THE GROUP WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN THE EXTENT TO WHICH NATO COUNTRIES COULD BE EXPECTED TO MEET NEW FORCE GOALS AND WHAT THIS MIGHT IMPLY FOR NATO MILITARY POSTURE OVER THE LONG TERM. MISSION STAFF EXPLAINED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF FORCE GOALS IS LIKE ALL NATO UNDERTAKINGS, A PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION AND THAT THE MISSION BELIEVED THAT MOST OF THE ALLIES WERE MAKING A REASONABLE EFFORT IN THIS PERIOD OF RELATIVE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP.

2. DISCUSSION ON SAS FOCUSED ON THE CHANGES WHICH THE US IS NOW MAKING IN ITS OWN CRITERIA AND WHICH IT WILL PROPOSE TO SHAPE FOR APPROVAL AS THE OFFICIAL NATO CRITERIA. MISSION STAFF INFORMED THE GROUP OF OUR RECENT CONTACTS ON THIS QUESTION WITH CINCEUR REPS COL SCHMIDT AND MAJOR LOVE AND OF THE EFFORTS WHICH CINCEUR IS NOW MAKING TO ENSURE THAT THE NEW CRITERIA WILL BE READILY ACCEPTABLE TO THE NATO NATIONS AND THUS PROVIDE A BASIS FOR QUICK ACTION ON NATO FUNDING OF SECURITY UPGRADING AT ALL SAS SITES. ON ASM, THE GROUP WAS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN THE STATUS OF THE PROGRAM AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE US WILL BE ABLE TO RECOUP US FUNDS WHICH WE HAVE SPENT ON AIRCRAFT SHELTER CONSTRUCTION. THE DISCUSSION ALSO COVERED THE 70 PCT LIMITATION ON NATO FUNDED CONSTRUCTION AND THE US INTENTION TO PRESS FOR ALLIED AGREEMENT TO ELIGIBILITY FOR NATO FUNDING OF SHELTERS FOR AIRCRAFT BEYOND M PLUS 3.

3. THE GROUP WHICH SEEMED INTERESTED AND ASKED GOOD QUESTIONS. DIRECTLY EXPRESSED TO MISSION STAFF ITS STAISFACTION WITH THE VISIT. STREATOR.

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